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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of audio-only telehealth or
2 telemedicine by health care professionals.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. TELEHEALTH OR TELEMEDICINE —
2 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS — USE OF AUDIO-ONLY
3 COMMUNICATION. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
4 the contrary, a board designated pursuant to section 147.13
5 that licenses, certifies, or otherwise authorizes or permits
6 health-related professionals to administer health care services
7 in the ordinary course of business or in the practice of
8 a profession, and which authorizes the use of telehealth
9 or telemedicine by such health-related professionals,
10 shall amend or adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
11 allow a health-related professional under the purview of
12 the appropriate licensing board to utilize telehealth or
13 telemedicine to deliver health care services through the use
14 of interactive audio-only communication if the health care
15 professional, through the use of audio-only telehealth or
16 telemedicine, meets the same standards of care and professional
17 ethics as required for that health care professional for the
18 provision of in-person health care.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill provides that, notwithstanding any provision of
23 law to the contrary, a health-related professional licensing
24 board that authorizes the use of telehealth or telemedicine
25 by health-related professionals shall amend or adopt
26 administrative rules to allow a health-related professional
27 under the purview of the appropriate licensing board to utilize
28 telehealth or telemedicine to deliver health care services
29 through the use of interactive audio-only communication if
30 the health care professional, through the use of audio-only
31 telehealth or telemedicine, is able to meet the same standards
32 of care and professional ethics as required for that health
33 care professional for the provision of in-person health care.